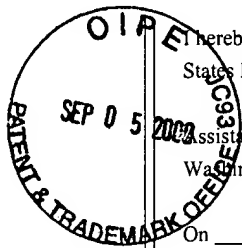


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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 26, 2000 for 3 months, from May 26, 2000 to August 28, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of a Response to Restriction Requirement is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$870.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

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